



DATE: January 5, 2004

TO: PROSPECTIVE APPLICANT

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABLE (NOFA) FOR FY 2004-2005

The City of Fresno invites non-profit and for-profit organizations to submit proposals for the development or maintenance of affordable housing, non-housing community development, economic development and public service activities that benefit low income residents of Fresno.

The City of Fresno is the annual recipient of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program funds. The City allocates program funds to meet federal, City and community goals. The City anticipates receiving the following entitlements from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for FY 2005:

<u>Entitlement Program</u>	<u>Estimated Funding*</u>
CDBG	\$9,186,000
HOME	4,123,000
ESG	343,189

* Funding levels are estimations provided by HUD for local planning purposes until the federal budget is approved. HUD does not expect the final allocation to differ greatly from the estimated figures.

This Notice of Funds Available seeks projects that meet the goals outlined in the City's Consolidated Plan:

- New Construction of Affordable Housing
- Housing Rehabilitation and Acquisition
- Redevelopment and Relocation
- Public Facilities Improvements
- Crime Awareness
- Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing, Prevention of Homelessness and Permanent Housing for Homeless
- Economic Development

Persons and/or agencies interested in applying for 2004-2005 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and Home Investment

Partnerships (HOME) Program funds are encouraged to attend a technical assistance workshop. The workshops will provide an overview of the application process, the three funding sources, federal regulations and eligibility requirements. Workshops will be held:

Date	Time	Location
February 5, 2004	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Fresno City Hall
February 6, 2004	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	2600 Fresno Street Second Floor Meeting Room A

Applications will be available at both technical assistance workshops, or after Monday, February 9, 2004, at City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, Room 3076. Applications can also be obtained from the City's website at www.ci.fresno.ca.us. Funding applications are due on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, by 5:00 p.m.

We look forward to assisting you in preparing a competitive application. For additional information please contact Crystal Smith at (559) 621-8507, or e-mail www.crystal.smith@fresno.gov.

Sincerely,

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